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Additionally, Applicant's understanding of the relevance of non-English language references is as follows: German Publication DE 203 15 611 U1, is based on corresponding U.S. Publication 20050080488A1; WO Publication 03059212 is based upon corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,740,118; French Publication FR 2239980, is based on corresponding German Publication DE 234 073 4. English translations, by the inventors, of cited paragraphs to foreign language publications DE 234 073 4 and DE 201 09 599 U1 are submitted herewith.

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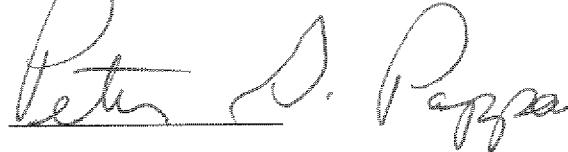
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